

each agency, the determinations of the law remain ultimately the responsibility of the chief legal officer and the head of the agency.

Section 8 of the bill includes provisions that purport to direct or regulate the content of the President's budget submissions, including provisions that purport to direct the President to include the comments of Inspectors General with respect to those submissions. The President's budget submissions are recommendations for enactment of legislation appropriating funds. The

executive branch shall construe section 8 of the bill in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to recommend for congressional consideration such measures as the President shall judge necessary and expedient.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
October 14, 2008.

NOTE: H.R. 928, signed October 14, was assigned Public Law No. 110-409.

## Statement on Signing the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009

*October 14, 2008*

Today I have signed into law S. 3001, the "Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009." The Act authorizes funding for the defense of the United States and its interests abroad, for military construction, and for national security-related energy programs.

Provisions of the Act, including sections 851, 902, 1211(2), and 1508(b), purport to impose requirements that could inhibit the President's ability to carry out his constitutional obligations to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, to protect national security, to conduct diplomatic negotiations,

to supervise the executive branch, to appoint officers of the United States, and to execute his authority as Commander in Chief. The executive branch shall continue to construe such provisions in a manner consistent with the constitutional authority and obligations of the President.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The White House,  
October 14, 2008.

NOTE: S. 3001, signed October 14, was assigned Public Law No. 110-417.

## Letter to Congressional Leaders Certifying the Secretary of the Treasury To Purchase Troubled Assets

*October 14, 2008*

*Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Pursuant to section 115(a)(2) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-343) (the "Act"), I hereby certify that it is necessary for the

Secretary of the Treasury to exercise the authority granted under the Act to purchase, or commit to purchase, troubled assets up to the limit of \$350 billion outstanding at any one time.